

APPENDIX F: Council June 1999, permanent rule recommendation

General Considerations

- November 1 to January 19 closure in BSAI with extension to GOA
- Seasonal caps at 30% of annual TAC
- 40/60 split in BSAI between A/B and C/D seasons¹
- Rollovers allowed consistent with seasonal cap and areal apportionments (CHCVOA)
- Retain closure of Aleutians area

Gulf of Alaska

Season dates and TAC apportionments

Season	TAC Apportionment	Start Date	Close Date
A	30%	Jan 20	Mar 1
B	15%	Mar 15	May 31
C	30%	Aug 20	Sep 15
D	25%	Oct 1	Nov 1

Provide for a seasonal exclusive area requirement for catcher vessels fishing between the BSAI and GOA

Catcher vessels would be prohibited from engaging in directed fishing for pollock in both the BSAI and GOA during the following season pairs:

Bering Sea A	GOA A
Bering Sea B	GOA B
Bering Sea C	GOA C
Bering Sea D	GOA D

with exemption for vessels less than 125' in areas 620 (east of 157 degrees) and 630 (area 610 still exclusive).

Trip limits in the GOA

Catcher Vessel Trip Limits

Option 2: 300,000 lb trip limit for W, C and E Gulf of Alaska

(Council intent is that this be managed such that the average of all trips over a season be less than 300,000 lbs)

Tender vessel trip limits

Option 4 (as amended): 600,000 lb trip limits for tender vessels in area 610 and 620 west of 157E° with a prohibition on tendering in areas 620 east of 157E°, 621, 630, 631 and 640.

Spatial dispersion in the GOA

¹ Terminology for seasons in the Bering Sea has been changed from A1, A2, B, and C seasons to A, B, C, and D seasons.

Separate TAC in Shelikof Strait with proportionate reduction in TACs for areas outside the Strait in the A and B seasons only.

Pollock no-trawl zones in the GOA

Implement RPA proposed pollock trawl exclusion zones with eight existing exemptions (as amended below).

- a. Pt. Elrington, Rugged Island and The Needles would be closed to pollock fishing May 1 - January 20.
- b. Sea Lion Rocks would stay open with a 60 ft boat limit.
- c. Spitz Island and Mitrofanina open Jan 20 - April 30 and Sept - Nov 1 with a 60 ft boat limit.

The Council also passed two motions:

- (1) request NMFS to monitor removals from the 8 areas and report no later than February 2000 on rates of removal and provide any recommendations stemming from that information, and
- (2) to write a letter to the BOF summarizing all Council actions related to this agenda item, and request any appropriate complementary actions, and express support for proposed BOF action with regard to 40% reduction in Prince William Sound.

Bering Sea

Temporal Dispersion Package

Inshore Sector Seasons

A season -- Jan 20 - Feb 15
Stand-down 7 days
B season -- Feb 22 - April 17
C season 1999 -- August 1 until quota achievement
C-D stand-down 7 days inside CH/CVOA
C season 2000 and forward -- June 1 start date for co-ops (August 1 for open access)
C season -- C closure, plus 7 days till Nov 1.

Mothership Sector Seasons

A and B, single season -- Feb 1 - April 15
No stand-down between A and B; no stand-down outside CH/CVOA with max daily catch rate of 2,000 mt. from Feb. 15-22.

C and D season, single season -- Sept 1 - Nov 1

Catcher Processor Sector Seasons (including 7 catchers)

A season -- Jan 20- Feb 15
Stand-down 7 days in CHCVOA; no stand-down outside CHCVOA with max daily catch rate of 2,000 mt from Feb 15-22.
B season -- Feb 22-April 17
C season -- July 10 - August 31
No stand-down
D season -- Sep 1- Nov 1

CDQ Sector Seasons

A and B single season -- Jan 20 - April 15

Stand-down 7 days in CHCVOA; no stand-down outside CHCVOA with max daily catch rate of 2,000 mt from Feb 15-22.

C and D season -- April 15 - Nov 1

NOTE: Council intent with regard to maximum daily catch rates is that NMFS, in consultation with industry, may adjust maximum daily catch rates for each sector to comply with RPAs. (i.e., option is to agree to that maximum daily catch rate throughout the A/B seasons, or take the stand-down). This only applies to outside CH/CVOA stand-downs. Inside CH/CVOA stand-downs remain.

Pollock Allocation RPAs Package

AFA Allocations Apply.

Seasonal Allocations by Sector

Seasonal TAC apportionments				
	A	B	C	D
Inshore	27.5%	12.5%	30%	30%
C/P	27.5%	12.5%	30%	30%
Mothership	40%		60%	
CDQ	45%		55%	

Area Allocations by Sector

CH/CVOA Percentages 1999				
	A	B	C	D
Inshore	56%	56%	45%	63%
C/P	33%	33%	0%	0%
Mothership	50%		0%	
CDQ	82.5%		56%	

CH/CVOA Percentages 2000				
	A	B	C	D
Inshore	56%	56%	27%	45%
C/P	33%	33%	0%	0%
Mothership	50%		0%	
CDQ	82.5%		37%	

NOTE 1: Phase-in reduction in total C/D season CHCVOA removals (C season 25% in 1999 and 15% in 2000 - D season 35% in 1999 and 25% in 2000.

NOTE 2: C to D rollovers permitted but not to exceed 30% directed pollock allocation in any season

General

No pollock allocation east and west of 170 west, north of CH/CVOA.

No buffer zone north of CH/CVOA.

Catcher vessels less than or equal to 99 ft length overall (LOA) would be exempt from CH/CVOA closure from September 1 through March 31 unless the percentage cap for inshore sector has been reached. NMFS will manage in a manner intended to leave enough remaining quota within CH/CVOA sufficient to support fishing by vessels less than or equal to 99 ft. LOA for the duration of the current inshore sector opening..

Sarichef Steller sea lion haulout - 20-mile closure year round.

Request NMFS to have a report on adaptive management strategies for review at the December 1999 Council meeting, and conduct a workshop related to that effort in late summer or early fall.